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COMOR-D-2/19

29 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special Group

SUBJECT: Proposal for TACKLE Coverage of Northeast China

1. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance in late May submitted to the United States Intelligence Board an evaluation of the four TACKLE missions which had been accomplished prior to that time together with a recommendation for two missions to cover targets in Northeast China and the Shuang Cheng Tzu missile test range. These two missions have been accomplished.

2. The COMOR has reviewed the results of Mission 112 which was directed against Northeast China and has evaluated the extent to which the recommended requirements were met.

25X1 Evaluation of Mission [redacted] Northeast China.

3. The mission covered approximately 40% of the total objectives in the area concerned. Included were airfields, the area adjacent to North Korea, (limited because of the obliquity and haze), naval complexes at Lu Shun and Ching Tao, urban and 25X1A

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industrial complexes and some areas which were suspected of possible missile deployment.

4. The mission confirmed the industrial expansion and conventional military capabilities that were suspected in Northeast China and has produced a significant impact on the following intelligence subjects:

a. Prior to the mission, the AOB estimate on MIG-19 fighter aircraft in China was 25-30. On this mission we saw over 50 MIG-19s at two airfields. This information, coupled with previous collateral data, will significantly increase the estimate.

b. The previous order of battle estimates of W class submarines has been confirmed.

c. The industrial/urban expansion suspected at Shen Yang, Ha Erh Pin and Chi Lin has been confirmed. In addition, a number of new industrial areas have been observed for the first time.

d. A large number of military installations have been identified for the first time.

e. In the areas covered where missile deployment was suspected, no such missile deployment

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has been identified.

Justification for Additional Coverage

5. It is expected that high resolution photo coverage of the remaining objectives in Northeast China will reveal additional industrial expansion and military capabilities on which we have no current intelligence confirmation, except from low level collateral reports. The attached map indicates the targets which remain to be covered.

6. Recommendation: In the light of the intelligence obtained on [redacted] and of the importance for obtaining initial photography of the remaining objectives in Northeast China, it is recommended that one TACKLE mission against the remaining targets be authorized. It is also recommended that this mission be launched whenever operationally feasible but not so as to conflict with missions currently authorized in the Taiwan Strait area and in South China.

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Attachment:
Map

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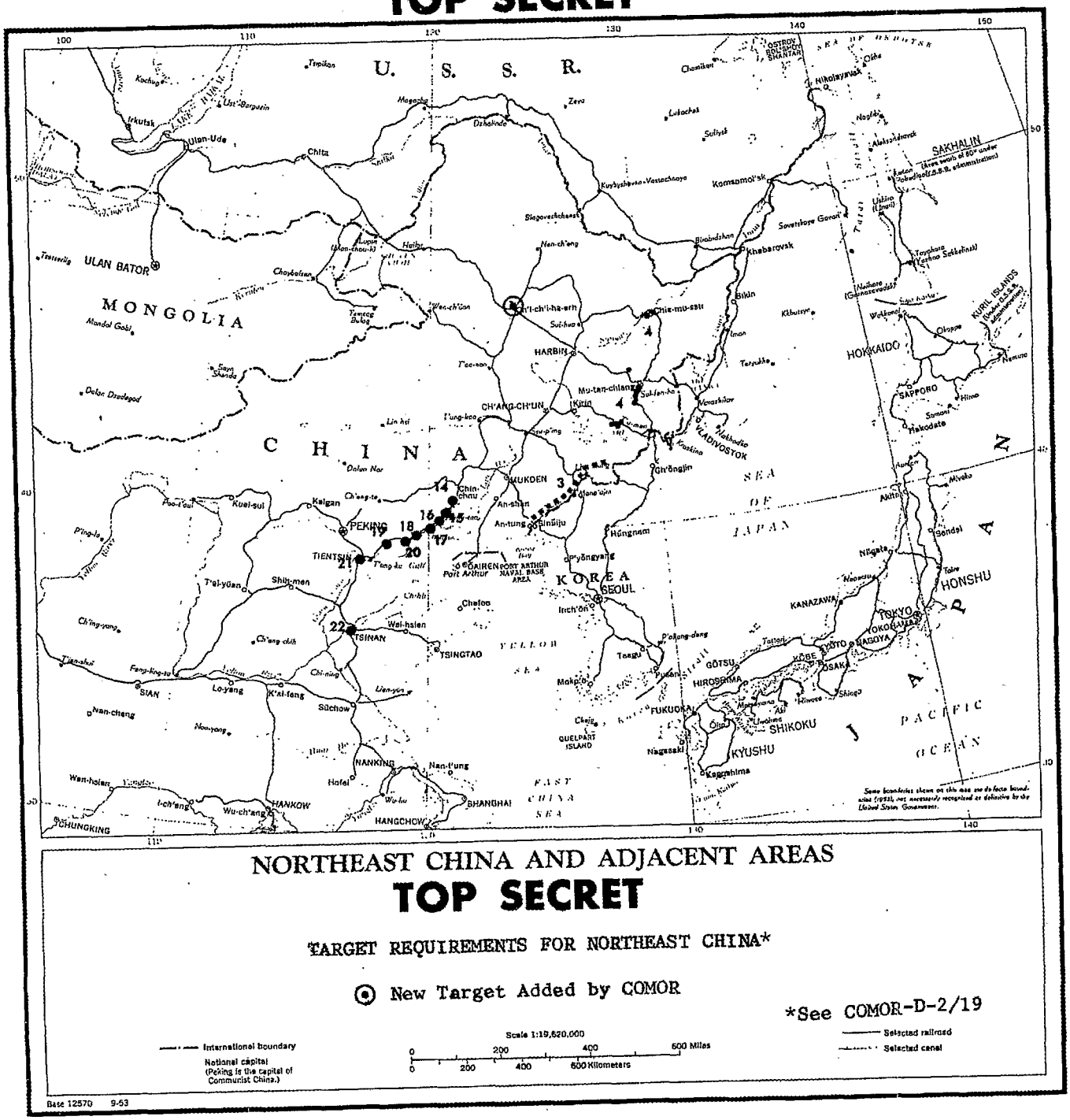

NORTHEAST CHINA AND ADJACENT AREAS

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TARGET REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTHEAST CHINA*

⊙ New Target Added by COMOR

*See COMOR-D-2/19

International boundary

National capital (Peking is the capital of Communist China.)

Scale 1:19,620,000

0 200 400 600 Miles

0 200 400 600 Kilometers

Selected railroad

Selected canal

Base 12570 9-53

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